



Harness Dickey & Pierce PLC
 Attorneys and Counselors
 7700 Bonhomme, Suite 400
 Clayton, Missouri 63105
 Phone: 314-726-7500 Fax: 314-726-7501
 Metropolitan: Detroit St. Louis Washington, DC

RECEIVED
 CENTRAL FAX CENTER

APR 06 2006

DATE: April 6, 2006

NO. OF PAGES (INCLUDING THIS PAGE): 4

FOR: Examiner Sikyin Ip

COMPANY: United States Patent Office

FAX No.: 571-273-8300

PHONE: 571-272-1244

ORIGINAL WILL FOLLOW BY:

- REGULAR MAIL
- OVERNIGHT MAIL
- COURIER
- WILL NOT FOLLOW

FROM: Bryan K. Wheelock

Please let us know by phone or fax if you do not receive any of these pages.

COMMENTS:

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

NOTICE

The information contained in this fax transmission is intended only for the individual to whom or entity to which it is addressed. It may also contain privileged, confidential, attorney work product or trade secret information which is protected by law. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, or an employee or agent responsible for delivering the message to the addressee, the reader is hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution, or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please immediately notify us by telephone and return the original message to us at the address above via the U.S. Postal Service. We will reimburse you for any reasonable expense (including postage) for the return of the original message.

**TRANSMITTAL
FORM**

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

Total Number of Pages In This Submission

2

Application Number

10/657,005

Filing Date

September 5, 2003

First Named Inventor

CARON, RONALD N. et al.

Art Unit

1742

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

Examiner Name

IP, SIKYIN

APR 06 2006

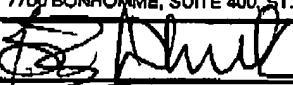
Attorney Docket Number

6113-000026/US

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

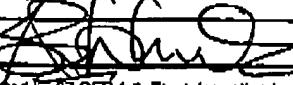
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to TC
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Reply	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input type="checkbox"/> After Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Table on CD	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53		
Remarks		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm	HARNESS, DICKEY & PIERCE 7700 BONHOMME, SUITE 400, ST. LOUIS, MO 63105		
Signature			
Printed Name	Bryan K. Wheelock		
Date	APRIL 6, 2006	Reg. No.	31,441

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.

Typed or printed name	Bryan K. Wheelock	Express Mail Label No.	
Signature		Date	APRIL 6, 2006

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9189 and select option 2.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**Application No.: **10/657,005****RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**Filing Date: **September 5, 2003****APR 06 2006**Applicant: **Caron, Ronald N. et al.**Group Art Unit: **1742**Examiner: **Silkyin, Ip**Title: **Age-Hardening Copper Base Alloy and Processing**Attorney Docket: **6113-000026US**

Mail Stop
Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Response

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of March 6, 2006.

Claims 1-19 were pending in this application before this Response. Claims 1-19 were subject to a restriction requirement. The Office Action identified two inventions: 1. (claims 1-7) drawn to an alloy, and 2. (claims 8-19) drawn to a process for making a copper base alloy.

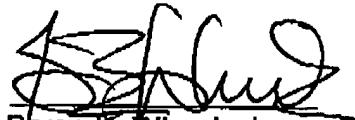
Applicants respectfully submit that the restriction requirement is improper because even though the inventions may be distinct, there are so closely related that examination of both in the same application would not present a significant burden to the Office. For at least this reason, applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

However, as required in the Office Action, in the event that the restriction requirement is not withdrawn, applicants provisionally elect invention 1, claims 1-7.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that this Response fully addresses the matters raised in the Office Action. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 314-726-7500.

Respectfully submitted,



Bryan K. Wheelock
Reg. No. 31,441

HARNESS, DICKEY & PIERCE, P.L.C.
7700 Bonhomme, Suite 400
St. Louis, Missouri 63105
Fax: 314-726-7501
BKW:mkl

Serial No. 10/657,005

Page 2 of 2